AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-13. **(Canceled)**

14. **(Currently amended)** An armature for a permanent-magnet-excited DC motor, the motor comprising

an armature body with armature teeth, the body and teeth being joined together in one piece together via a short-circuit ring,

the teeth being offset from one another by equal circumferential angles and each having one tooth neck for receiving an armature winding and one tooth head protruding in the circumferential direction past the tooth neck and terminating in axially directed ~~fore~~ **face** ends, and

at least one flux-conducting element mounted on each of the axially pointing face ends of the tooth heads, the flux-conducting elements having a profile corresponding to the tooth head profile,

further comprising linking holes in the face ends of the tooth heads and axially protruding linking pins, which can be pressed into the linking hole, on the flux-conducting elements.

Claim 15. **(Canceled)**

Claim 16. **(Canceled)**

17. **(Currently amended)** The armature as defined by claim **[[16]]** **14**, wherein two linking holes spaced apart from one another in the circumferential direction are located in each end face of the tooth heads, and two linking pins spaced equally apart in the circumferential direction are located on each flux-conducting element.

18. **(Previously presented)** The armature as defined by claim 14, further comprising at least one annular barrier on each of the axially pointing end faces of the short-circuit ring.

19. **(Previously presented)** The armature as defined by claim 17, further comprising at least one annular barrier on each of the axially pointing end faces of the short-circuit ring.

20. **(Previously presented)** The armature as defined by claim 18, wherein the annular barriers are mounted in pushbutton-like fashion onto the short-circuit ring.

21. **(Previously presented)** The armature as defined by claim 19, wherein the annular barriers are mounted in pushbutton-like fashion onto the short-circuit ring.

22. **(Previously presented)** The armature as defined by claim 20, further comprising a plurality of linking holes in each end face of the short-circuit ring and a plurality of linking pins congruently located on the annular barriers for pressing into the linking holes.

23. **(Previously presented)** The armature as defined by claim 21, further comprising a plurality of linking holes in each end face of the short-circuit ring and a plurality of linking pins congruently located on the annular barriers for pressing into the linking holes.

24. **(Previously presented)** The armature as defined by claim 14, wherein the armature body is composed of a plurality of identically designed armature laminations resting on one another.

25. **(Previously presented)** The armature as defined by claim 17, wherein the armature body is composed of a plurality of identically designed armature laminations resting on one another.

26. **(Previously presented)** The armature as defined by claim 20, wherein the armature body is composed of a plurality of identically designed armature laminations resting on one another.

27. **(Previously presented)** The armature as defined by claim 14, wherein the flux-conducting elements and/or the barriers are stacked.

28. **(Previously presented)** The armature as defined by claim 27, wherein the laminations of the flux-conducting elements and barriers, respectively, have the same lamination thickness as the armature laminations of the armature body.

29. **(Previously presented)** The armature as defined by claim 27, wherein all the flux-conducting elements have the same number of laminations; and wherein at least one flux-conducting element is composed of what is by comparison a reduced number of laminations.

30. **(Previously presented)** The armature as defined by claim 28, wherein all the flux-conducting elements have the same number of laminations; and wherein at least one flux-conducting element is composed of what is by comparison a reduced number of laminations.

31. **(Previously presented)** The armature as defined by claim 29, wherein at least two flux-conducting elements are each embodied with a reduced number of laminations and are placed on end faces, facing away from one another, of tooth heads located diametrically of one another.

32. **(Previously presented)** The armature as defined by claim 30, wherein at least two flux-conducting elements are each embodied with a reduced number of laminations and are placed on end faces, facing away from one another, of tooth heads located diametrically of one another.

33. **(Previously presented)** The armature as defined by claim 32, wherein the number of laminations of the flux-conducting elements embodied with a reduced number of laminations is the same.